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YELLOWSTONE PARK AS WONDERLAND IN NEW SOCIETY EXHIBIT

Some of the earliest images of what became Yellowstone National Park will be on exhibit at the Montana Historical Society when it presents "Let Wonderland Tell Its Story: The 1871 Alberttypes of William Henry Jackson."

The grand opening of the exhibit will be Thursday, May 24, at 6 p.m. in Montana's Museum just east of the State Capitol Building in Helena.

These photos were used in the successful lobbying effort that established Yellowstone as the world's first national park. The exhibit features 61 alberttypes, which refers to an engraving process invented in 1868 by German photographer Joseph Albert.

The exhibit's curator, Lee Silliman, will present a special slide lecture, "Yellowstone Engraved: The Daunting Task of Representing Wonderland," as part of the official opening of the exhibit.

The exhibit will be up until November of this year.